



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 2008

His Excellency
Dr. Lech Kaczynski
President of the Republic of Poland
Warsaw

Dear Mr. President:

As Polish forces complete their long and distinguished mission in Iraq, I express the deep gratitude of the United States to the Government and people of Poland for the forces your nation contributed to Multinational Forces-Iraq from March 2003 to October 2008. Among Poland's many contributions, I express particular gratitude for the provision of a divisional headquarters and numerous supporting detachments, primarily at Camp Echo, Diwaniyah Province.

The willingness of Poland, despite great hardships, to support the establishment and strengthening of a democratic government in Iraq testifies to the spirit of the people of Poland and their commitment to serve the cause of global freedom. The Polish people can be proud of their participation in the successful operation to liberate Iraq and subsequent efforts to reduce violence in Iraq. We share your sorrow for the 22 Polish fatalities and scores of Polish wounded in Iraq.

Our shared experience in Iraq is emblematic of how the partnership between our countries has deepened across a range of global strategic priorities in recent years. I am confident that these ties will continue to strengthen as our governments pursue further cooperation in the service of global security, peace, and freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George W. Bush